

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by
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The Most Precious Text, John iii, 16—Delivered In the Brooklyn Tabernacle.

Text, "For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten Son, that
whosoever believeth in him should
not perish, but have everlasting life"
(John iii, 16).

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 25.—Pastor
Charles T. Russell, preaching today in
the Brooklyn Tabernacle, said:

The first thought connected with
this text, dear friends, is the peculiar-
ity of the fact that the God of all
grace, the Almighty, the All-Wise, the
All-Just, should have love for the
world of mankind. It would surprise
none of us if the Apostle had written
that God greatly loved the holy angels
and that he would do any and every-
thing for their protection and blessing.
We would have said, "It is just like
him. Of course he would do so. They
have always been loyal, always been
true. They are noble images of him-
self in character." If the statement
had even been that God so loved his
saints that, blimished by the imper-
fections of the flesh, he had accepted
them through the merits of Jesus' sac-
rifice and counted them as perfect and
entire in him, this would have caused
greater surprise than God's love for
the angels. And yet we would have
said, "Yes, it is just like our heavenly
Father to be abundantly gracious and
to remember the sins and iniquities no
more against those who have fully
turned to righteousness and by faith
have been covered by their Redeem-
er's Robe of Perfection."

"Condemned Sin in the Flesh."

If our text were the only one of
Scripture to the contrary (but it is
not), it would be an utter refutation
to the blasphemous doctrine of eternal
torment as the Divine purpose toward
mankind. The thought that God cre-
ated our race with the foreknowledge
and prearrangement that the over-
whelming majority (all except the
saintly "elect") must spend an eternity
of hopeless torture, is thoroughly out
of accord with reason, as well as con-
tradictory to our text, "God so loved
the world." Does love plan torture?
Does loving provision not imply wis-
dom in the use of power, that the crea-
ture may not be injured, if he shall
not be benefited by the program? Is
it conceivable that he who commands
us to love our enemies and to observe
toward them the Golden Rule would
himself ignore that Rule and injure,
not merely his enemies, but also the
innocent, the superstitious, the great
masses of mankind—of whom the
Apostle declares, "The God of this
world hath blinded their minds?" (II
Corinthians iv, 4.)

Let us have done with such night-
mares, such "doctrines of demons," as
the Apostle styles them. Let us begin
to know our Creator, our heavenly
Father, for such knowledge is a step
toward love for him, and hence toward
life eternal for ourselves. It was our
dear Redeemer who said, "This is life
eternal, that they might know thee,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom
thou hast sent" (John xvii, 3). Not
only the world perishes because of
lack of true knowledge of the Creator,
but many of God's people are similar-
ly hindered. As the Scriptures declare,
"My people are destroyed for lack of
knowledge" (Hosea iv, 6).

It should be understood by all that
God's Love for mankind, as well as
Divine Justice and Wisdom, prepared
man's penalty—"The wages of sin is
death" (Romans vi, 23). It is in full
harmony with this that we know
when the Lord drove our first parents
out of the Garden of Eden and placed
the cherubim with flaming sword to
prevent their return thither. It was a
merciful provision, because had they
continued to have access to the tree of
life and thus to continued existence,
it would have meant everlasting life
for sinners. And to give sinners eter-
nal life and to perpetuate a condition
of sin, rebellion, anarchy, in the uni-
verse to all eternity would have been
discredit to the Divine Character
and Government, as well as injurious
to his creatures. His determination,
therefore, from the very beginning
was that he would have a clean uni-
verse, and hence the law, "The soul
that sinneth, it shall die"—a law which
ultimately must result as respects the
fallen angels and Satan, as well as in
respect to mankind.

Thus we have the assurance that ul-
timately nothing shall mar the har-
mony of the universe. What the Scrip-
tures point out respecting the future
will prove true. "And every creature
which is in heaven, and on the earth,
and such as are in the sea, and all that
are in them, heard I saying, Blessing
and honor, and glory, and power, be
unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb for ever and ever"
(Revelation v, 13). Thus the time will
come when sin and all who love sin
will be destroyed and when, as a con-
sequence, the Scriptures assure us,
"There shall be no more death, neither
sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there
be any more pain; for the former
things are passed away. And he that
sitteth upon the throne said, Behold, I
make all things new" (Revelation xxi, 4, 5).

"That He Gave His Son."

God's love for sinners, as we have
seen, was so great that he would not
allow them to have everlasting life, be-
cause that would mean to them ever-
lasting imperfection and sorrow, etc.
But our text tells us of a still further
step that the Lord took—and hence
shows a still further love.

"He gave his only begotten Son."

How? When? Where? What for?
We answer, He did not give his only
begotten Son to suffer eternal torment
for us. Thank God, No! Yet, if eter-
nal torment had been the sinner's pen-
alty, God's Son could not have been
their Redeemer, except by paying that
awful price. As we have seen, how-
ever, the penalty was not that, but a
death penalty—"The soul that sinneth,
it shall die" (Ezekiel xviii, 4); "Dying
thou shalt die;" "The wages of sin is
death." God gave his only begotten
Son to die for our sins that he might
bring us back to God. Our Lord's
death on Calvary was the sufficient
price for the sins of the whole world,
although he did not apply that price
directly to the world, but to believers,
through the consecrated believers, the
Bride of Christ, it will be applied to
mankind in general, thus permitting
the Church class to "fill up that which
was behind of the afflictions of Christ,"
and to share with him in the sealing
of the New Covenant for Israel, and
through Israel for the world. "Behold,
the days come, saith the Lord, that I
will make a New Covenant with the
house of Israel, and with the house
of Judah" (Jeremiah xxxi, 31).

Left the Heavenly Glory.

Nor should we understand that God
compelled his only begotten Son to die
for us, but rather, as the Scriptures
inform us, he set before him a great
prize, so that Jesus counted it all joy
to lay down his life that he might be
the heavenly Bridegroom to the Church
and be the Mediator of the New Coven-
ant for Israel and the world of man-
kind. How wise, how just, are God's
arrangements! Though he possesses
all power, yet he would not infract
the rights or liberties of even the most
humble of his creatures, much less the
rights of his only begotten Son, our
Lord.

The Scriptures inform us that it was
in accord with the Father's arrange-
ment and the giving of his Son that he
made to him the proposition to become
man's Redeemer and uplifter and the
Head of the Church, to receive glory,
honor and immortality. It was in
view of this proposition as a whole
that we read of our Lord that he, "For
the joy that was set before him, en-
dured the cross, despising the shame,
and is set down at the right hand of
God" (Hebrews xxi, 2). Again, "Who
gave himself a ransom for all, to be
testified in due time" (I Timothy ii,
6). He left the heavenly glory and
took upon him the human nature and,
as the man Christ Jesus, gave himself
as the Ransom for all.

Whosoever Believeth In Him.

God's love is not only large and
broad, but it is also deep and wide. In
blessing mankind he proposes the larg-
est blessing possible in the wisest man-
ner. He will not justify the heathen
in their ignorance nor justify willful
rebels. He limits his favor by two
conditions:

First.—The blessing through his Son
shall go only to those who intelligently
know of it and by faith accept it.

Second.—It shall be available only to
those who desire to come into har-
mony with Divine laws as obedient
children.

This presents a difficulty to our
minds until we come to understand
what the Scriptures call the Divine
Plan of the Ages. Until we under-
stand that Plan, we are inclined to
find fault with the Divine arrangement
and with ourselves and with fellow
Christians and generally to be uncon-
fortable and disappointed in proportion
to the largeness of our hearts and our
interests in God's character and in
humanity. We find fault with our-
selves and others that the world has
not long ago been evangelized and
made acquainted with God. We fault
God that he is allowing the heathen to
go down into death at the rate of nine-
ty thousand per day, with no knowl-
edge of the "only name under heaven
whereby we must be saved." We
sigh and twist in our reasonings in
trying to justify this course and are
still further harassed by the horrible
plagues of eternal torment, which
teaches that the heathen not only do
not get eternal life in glory, but that
they do get eternal life in misery.

Alas, how true are the Lord's words
through the Prophet, "Your covenant
with death shall be disannulled, and
your agreement with the grave shall
not stand. From the time that it
goeth forth it shall take you; for mor-
ning by morning shall it pass over by
day and by night; and it shall be a
vacation only to understand the doc-
trine" (Isaiah xxviii, 18, 19).

The Plan of the Ages.

The key to the whole Mystery is
that God first selects from amongst
mankind a special class of those able
and willing to exercise faith in him,
to receive the Spirit of Christ, and to
demonstrate their loyalty by walking
in his steps. These, he tells us, he is
calling out of the world by what the
world calls the foolishness of preach-
ing. These he is testing as respects
their faith and loyalty and using the
trials and oppositions of this present
time as chiseling processes and burrs
to shape and polish and prepare the
precious stones for their glorious set-

ting in the heavenly Kingdom. There
are not many of these altogether.
"Fear not, little flock; for it is the Fa-
ther's good pleasure to give you the
Kingdom" (Luke xii, 32). They are
being selected out of all denomina-
tions, kindreds and tongues, and
amongst them are not many great,
wise, noble or rich. They are chiefly
the poor of this world, rich in faith,
heirs of the Kingdom.

This "little flock" of "saints," this
"royal priesthood," with Christ their
Redeemer, their Lord, their Bride-
groom, their Head, their Chief Priest,
are to constitute the Kings, Priests,
Judges, Rulers of the world of man-
kind. Then in the age to follow this
one, in the Millennium, God's time
shall come for dealing with mankind
as a whole. In co-operation with the
Kingdom work will be the binding of
Satan and every evil influence amongst
men, and the letting loose of every
good influence and every helpful truth.
Thus the light of the knowledge of the
glory of God shall fill the whole earth,
as the waters cover the great deep.

This is God's provision for the world
of mankind, whom he so loved. Not
merely for the saints, who already
have the hearing ear, the seeing eye,
and the appreciative heart, is God's
loving provision, but for poor, de-
graded humanity, which, through cen-
turies of sin, has almost entirely lost
the image and likeness of its Creator.
The promise for these is that they
shall be privileged by resurrection
processes to return to full harmony
with the Lord and to repossess the
blessings and favors lost by Father
Adam when he sinned—blessings and
privileges redeemed for Adam's race
through the merits of our dear Re-
deemer's sacrifice at Calvary.

Who will say that this Divine Plan,
outlined in the Bible, does not contain
the very essence of Divine wisdom and
loving provision best adapted to the
needs of our race? Belief in the Lord
Jesus, acceptance of him, obedience to
the Divine law, will thus be the con-
ditions upon which mankind may be
recovered. Would any other condi-
tions be safe or just or proper? Is
there any other way of arranging these
conditions which God's wisdom and
justice provided and which his grace
reveals?

Believers Might Not Perish.

Notice how the various features of
our text intermesh with each other,
like the cogs and pinions of a well-
fitted machine! Let us get rid of the
wrong thought that so long has be-
leagued our reason and robbed our
hearts of the proper reverence for our
Creator! Let us get rid of the thought
that "perish" means to *perish* in eter-
nal torture, thus confusing the minds
of the Lord's people and the world to
the true teachings of the Scriptures.
Perishing, of course, means perishing
—to lose life, to become extinct. Man,
originally made in God's image, was
prepared for eternal life; that eternity
was to be his destiny. But sin for-
feited those life-rights. He came un-
der a sentence of death—that he should
perish like the brute beasts. Hence,
his only hope of a future life is in
the Redeemer and the resurrection which
his sacrifice has secured.

Man's intelligence and higher organ-
ism could avail him only on condition
that they would be used in harmony
with his Maker's reasonable and just
requirements. Otherwise he must die
—a death, as being even less worthy
of prolonged existence than the brute.
Now how our text points out that God
saw that in the race of Adam there
would be many who, if they under-
stood the light and the Truth and had
it in contrast with the wrong, would
be glad to return to harmony with God
—glad to accept of Christ and Resti-
tution privileges and blessings, and to
come into full accord with the Al-
mighty and with Jesus, and to have
back again the life-rights forfeited
by father Adam. Hence God's pro-
vision for the race as a whole—that *they*
might not perish as the brute beasts, but
attain to eternal life again, attain to
all that was lost in Adam, all that was
redeemed by Jesus Christ our Lord—
eternal life, fellowship with God the
Father and the Son and communion
with the holy Spirit.

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform."

These words of the poet are wonder-
fully true! Truth is, indeed, stranger
than fiction! The Divine Plan for hu-
man salvation is higher and deeper,
longer and broader than any of us
dreamed of. Yet it is most exact; noth-
ing about it is slipped or irregular.
While the blessed privileges of resti-
tution will be granted all of Adam's
race, they will be forced upon none.

Blessing and Cursing, Life and Death.

All who, after being brought to a
knowledge of the Truth, persist in lov-
ing falsehood shall be accounted as
children of Satan, who have willfully
adopted his spirit of enmity toward
truth and righteousness. The end of
such, as the Scriptures declare, is de-
struction. As the messengers and fol-
lowers of Satan they, with him, and
with the fallen angels, shall be utterly
destroyed (Acts iii, 23).

The test before mankind is not along
lines of eternal torment or eternal joy, but
between eternal life and eternal death.
Thus the Apostle states it, "The wages
of sin is death; but the gift of God is
eternal life, through Jesus Christ our
Lord" (Romans vi, 23). We cannot
change these Divine arrangements, if
we would. We ought not to wish to
change them, if we could. It is for us
not to seek to have our wills done in
heaven and earth, but rather to learn
of the imperfection of our judgment
and to pray to the Father, "Thy will
be done on earth, as it is done in
heaven," assured that when the glori-
ous consummation is attained it will
signify the highest possible blessing
for every creature—eternal life, eternal
joy, for all in harmony with God, and
death eternal, "everlasting destruc-
tion" for all the enemies of God.

ANTI-PROHIBITIONISTS HOLD UP AMENDMENT

Senate Committee Postpones Action Until Foes of Reso- lution Can Report

Jefferson City, Mo., April 28.—
Contrary to promises, the Senate
Committee on Constitutional Amend-
ments did not report out the House
prohibition amendment today. This
was due to the fact that several
Senators who are opposed to the
submission of this amendment with-
out a tax rider asked that a report
be withheld until they can complete
some data as to the approximate
amount of revenue the state, coun-
ties and municipalities will lose in
the event of prohibition being adopt-
ed.

The rider proposed provides for
doubling the revenue tax, both state
and local. Some question has been
raised as to how much revenue such
a measure would produce, as well
as the amount that would be lost if
prohibition should be adopted, and
those who are interested in this
feature, three of them being mem-
bers of the committee, concluded
this evening that it would be well
enough to withhold a report for the
present. The other amendment
proposed by three members of the
committee provides for striking out
the House proviso postponing the
going into effect of the amendment
until January 1, 1913, or two years
beyond the usual time.

Cassville News.

From The Republican.

Upon a plea of guilty J. C. Baker
was fined one dollar and costs in
Squire Plattenburg's court this
week for disturbing the peace of I.
P. Merrill.

G. W. Botts, a Frisco brakeman
from Monett to Paris, Tex., was
married to a Mrs. Marshall of Gar-
field, Ark., at the home of Rev. E.
W. Love in this city Tuesday even-
ing. They returned to Monett Wed-
nesday morning.

Phos, King of Galena, Kan., was
in this vicinity Sunday and Mon-
day. He is interested in operating a
mine near Hailey. He states that
the Joplin company he represents
will have machinery on the ground
and work started within the next
thirty days. Much interest is be-
ing taken in the prospects east of
Monett and in the work at McDow-
ell. The upward movement in prices
paid for ore will likely stimulate
the mining industry in this county.

Circuit Clerk Manning informed
his deputy, C. W. Williams, Mon-
day that he would remain in New
Mexico and not return to continue
the duties of his office. Mr. Wil-
liams consulted Prosecuting Attor-
ney Talbert for legal advice. The
matter was presented to Judge
Johnson at Neosho, Tuesday. Judge
Johnson declared the office tempo-
rarily vacant and appointed C. W.
Williams temporary circuit clerk to
serve until a hearing is had at the
September term of circuit court.

Mrs. Dr. Wright of Freistatt, has
been visiting her sisters, Mrs. C.
W. Beaver and Mrs. C. H. Hadley
in Cassville.

E. W. Wallen of near Monett was
here on business with the board of
appeal Monday. Mr. Wallen is one
of the county's prominent farmers
and has many advanced ideas con-
cerning the present agricultural
problems.

Licenses To Wed.
Ira A. Russell, Seattle, Wash.,
and Mabel E. Riddle, Purdy, S. W.
King and Maggie Nolan, Seligman;
Lambert W. Draper and Margaret
E. Beymer, Monett; Wm. D. Wil-
son and Zeila Bridgeman, Carr; G.
W. Botts and Mrs. Mollie Marshall,
Garfield, Ark.; W. A. Wagner, Pur-
dy and Frances Wimsatt, Monett.

Mrs. Walter Draper and Mrs.
Jack Kane visited in Peirce City
Wednesday.

The Schubert Symphony Club.

The Schubert symphony club
gave a high class entertainment at
the opera house Wednesday even-
ing.

Every number received a hearty
encore and the program was a de-
light from beginning to end. The
beautiful voices of the ladies in the
quartets blended perfectly, making
the most exquisite harmony. Leeta
Corder, the soprano soloist has a
sweet voice of wide range and power.
Lovie Zandt Purcell has a musical
contralto voice and her solos were
charming. Anna Pearl Weather-
ington gave several humorous read-
ings and showed herself a reader
of rare ability.

The solos by the celebrated vi-
olinist, Thomas Valentine Purcell,
were very fine.

The concert ended in a Grand
Finale, the musicians played string
ed instruments accompanied by
singing.

Trouble for Editor

Golden City, Mo., April 28.—John
A. Griesel, editor of the Golden City
Register, received a flesh wound in
the right leg while standing in a
lot adjoining his home, a 22-calibre
ball entering the leg between the
knee and the ankle. It was at first
supposed the wound was caused by
a stray ball but the shooting of a
38-calibre shot through the front
door of the Register office later, put
a different light on what at first
was thought to be an accident. No
one was injured by the second shot
which broke a large glass. The
shots are thought to have been fired
by persons antagonized by Griesel
in his recent stand for clean polit-
ics.

The ladies of the Baptist Church
were entertained on Wednesday af-
ternoon by Mesdames E. O. and C.
H. Brown on north 4th street. Rev.
Allen conducted the devotional ser-
vice, after which the ladies were
entertained with music and a gen-
eral social time. Dainty refresh-
ments were served and all enjoyed
themselves. The ladies of this
church work together in perfect
harmony as all Christians should
in the Lord's work. Twenty-nine
persons were present. Next Wed-
nesday at 2:30 p. m. the ladies aid
will meet with Mrs. W. H. Morris
on north 5th street.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, to all
creditors and others, interested in
the Estate of James P. Westbay
Deceased that we Sarah J. West-
bay and Harry H. Westbay, Ex-
ecutors, of said Estate, intend to
make final settlement thereof at the
next term of the Probate Court of
Barry County, State of Missouri, to
be held at Cassville, Mo., on the 10th
day of May 1909.

SARAH J. WESTBAY and
HARRY H. WESTBAY,
Executors.

First insertion April 2

Miss Bertha Butcher of Oklaho-
ma City, is visiting for a few days
with Miss Fay Watson. She is on
her way to Eureka Springs, where
she will spend the summer.

Wall Paper

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We Sell It.

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Come and see for yourself

KNAPP'S Drug Store

TO FIGHT SAN JOSE SCALE.

A Bill Passed by the House to Create a System of Inspe- ction.

Jefferson City, April 28.—A bill
to prevent the dissemination of the
San Jose scale throughout Missouri
fruit orchards passed this morning
in the house. The measure gives
the state entomologist of the fruit
experiment station at Mountain
Grove, power to inspect or to have
inspected each year all nurseries
for the purpose of detecting dan-
gerous insects. All nursery stock
shipped must bear an inspection
certificate issued by the entomol-
gist. Where orchard owners re-
fuse to properly spray their or-
chards as instructed the inspectors
may conduct the work and charge
the owners for the same.

The senate has passed a similar
measure giving the power to the
state board of horticulture.

A Presidential Train.

A movement is on foot to buy a
palatial presidential train. The
train will be used by the president
when traveling from place to place.
Probably \$100,000 would buy it, but
it wouldn't be long until it is out of
date. The railways throw out cars
before they are worn out because
of inventions, a demand for finer
trains, etc. The government would
have to buy a train every few years
or the president would seem to be
riding on a caboose.

It is true that the government
hasn't any money, but that shouldn't
matter. All sorts of schemes are
before congress whereby taxes may
be raised on the people. Then
there is a scheme of economy which
must not be overlooked. The mail
clerks are being reduced and the
weather bureau must get along with
less. Possibly money could be ac-
cumulated to buy this train by
imply cutting off the free delivery
service for Springfield and other
towns for a few months. There is
no telling how many cuts could be
made until our statesmen get to
figuring on it.—Springfield Leader.

"I'd Rather Die, Doctor,

han have my feet cut off," said M.
L. Biingham, of Princeville, Ill.
"but you'll die from gangren (which
had eaten away eight toes) if you
don't," said all doctors. Instead-
he used Bucklen's Arnica Salve till
wholly cured. Its cures of Eczema,
Fever Sores, Boils, Burns and
Piles astound the world. 25c at A.
H. Cox & Co's drug store.

Farm House Burned

The residence of John Bowe 2 1/2
miles south of Peirce City was
burned Tuesday. Mrs. Bowe and
baby were at home alone and all
saved from the house was the baby's
cradle. Mr. Bowe is the brother
of Mrs. F. Y. Charles of this city.

Rheumatic poisons are quickly
and surely driven out of the blood
with Dr. Shoop's Rheumatic Res-
cue—liquid or tablet form. Dr.
Shoop's booklet on Rheumatism
plainly and interestingly tells jus
how this is done. Tell some suffer-
er of this book, or better still, write
Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., for the
book and free test samples. Send no
money. Just join with Dr. Shoop
and give some sufferer a pleasant
surprise. All dealers.

Snow Is Falling in Iowa

Des Moines, Ia., April 28.—Snow
fell in Iowa today in the north and
central parts. Mason City reports
an inch. Webster City the same,
while Sibley wired that snow is
still falling.

If the average newspaper man had
no more difficulty in collecting
money than he has in securing ad-
vice there would be a big bunch of
millionaire editors.

Mrs. Burnie Washington and
two children, of near Claremore,
Okla., visited in Monett Thursday
morning on their way to Purdy to
visit relatives.